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SUBJECT: NPG - PHASE II STATUS REPORT

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATUS REPORT ON PHASE II OF THE FOLLOW- ON USE WORK PROGRAM, WHICH WAS APPROVED IN BONN AT THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM MEETING 10-12 APRIL AND SUBMITTED TO IS TODAY TO BE ANNEXED TO NPG/ WP(73)2. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. PURSUANT TO ARRANGEMENTS AGREED (NPG/ D(72)5, 24 APRIL 1972) BY NPG MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING IN COPENHAGEN IN MAY, 1972, THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAVE ESTABLISHED AN AD HOC STUDY TEAM, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE COUNTRIES, TO PREPARE A PROVISIONAL PHASE II REPORT. AS OF 1 APRIL 1973, THE STUDY TEAM HAS HELD TWO MEETINGS, THE FIRST IN WASHINGTON ON 18-20 SEPTEMBER 1972, AND THE SECOND IN LONDON ON 18-19 DECEMBER 1972. A THIRD MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 10-12 APRIL 1973 IN BONN.

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2. AT ITS MEETING IN WASHINGTON, THE STUDY TEAM AGREED UPON BRIEF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS WORK, WHICH ARE

CONSISTENT WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INITIATION OF PHASE II ACCEPTED BY MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN. THE PURPOSE OF ITS WORK IS TO CONDUCT THE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS OF NPG PHASE I STUDIES AND, DRAWING UPON OTHER NATO WORK AS NECESSARY, TOGETHER WITH ANY COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY OTHER NDAC NATIONS AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, TO FORMULATE POLICY QUESTIONS OF A GENERAL NATURE AND TO DEFINE POSSIBLE POLICY CHOICES. THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE PHASE II EFFORT IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FROM WHICH POLITICAL GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE POSSIBLE FOLLOW- ON TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAN BE DERIVED. THE TEAM NOTED THAT A PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF ITS WORK WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE ROLE OF NATO' S TACTICAL NUCLEAR OPTIONS IN ENHANCING THE DETERRENT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO ITS METHOD OF WORK, THE STUDY TEAM HAS AGREED UPON A SUBJECT- ORIENTED APPROACH, WHEREBY THE PHASE I STUDIES ARE TO BE EXAMINED WITH A VIEW TO DERIVING INFORMATION AND REACHING PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON CERTAIN MAJOR AREAS. ACCORDINGLY, THE STUDY TEAM IS IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING WORKING PAPERS COVERING THE FOLLOWING FIVE SUBJECTS: MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS, TIMING AND SCALE OF USE, COLLATERAL DAMAGE, ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE, AND WEAPONRY. THE TEAM PLANS TO DEVELOP PAPERS ON ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS IN THE COURSE OF ITS FURTHER WORK. IN VIEW OF THE INTER- RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE TEAM RECOGNIZES BETWEEN THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS SELECTED FOR ANALYSIS, ALL OF THE PAPERS ARE BEING KEPT UNDER REVIEW AS THE WORK PROCEEDS.

4. THE STUDY TEAM IS GRATEFUL FOR OBSERVATIONS ON ASPECTS OF THE PHASE II PROGRAM WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE NETHERLANDS (NPG/ STUDY/34, 31 OCTOBER 1972) AND CANADA (NPG/ STUDIES 35, 36 AND 37; 12, 13 AND 14 DEC. 1972). THESE PAPERS HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE TEAM IN ITS WORK.

5. THE STUDY TEAM HAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE MAGNITUDE AND COMPLEXITY OF ITS TASK MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY PRECISELY WHEN A PROVISIONAL DRAFT PHASE II REPORT MIGHT BE COMPLETED. THE TEAM HOPES TO BE IN A POSITION TO SUBMIT SUCH A DRAFT FOR CIRCULATION TO OTHER NPG NATIONS SOME TIME IN 1974. IT IS, HOWEVER, THE INTENTION OF THE TEAM TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF ITS WORK AS PROGRESS IS MADE.

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